(b) whether it is a fact that some leading newspapers in Lagos pointed out that Shri Lachirmani died under mysterious circumstances;

(c) whether his Ministry has taken up the matter with the Nigerian Government; and

(d) if so, what are the facts of the case and what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes Sir, the Government have received a letter from a Member of Parliament regarding the death of an Indian citizen, Dr. Ram S. Lachhiramani on 25th June, 1986 in Lagos, Nigeria.

(b) Yes Sir, the Government have seen reports in Lagos newspapers about the death.

(c) and (d) Our Mission in Lagos has been in touch with the police and medical authorities in Lagos to obtain police report of the case and the report of the post mortem. While the police report is still awaited, the post mortem report has been received. The post mortem report describes the cause of the death as asphyxia.

Meeting of Indo-Libyan joint Commission

1929. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what proposals were presented by the Libyan delegation to settle the payment of arrears of the Indian construction firms working in Libya at a joint commission meeting held in New Delhi;

(b) what is the reaction of the Government of India to the Libyan proposals; and

(c) what are the details of settlements, if any, arrived at the joint commission meeting towards payment problems of the Indian companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) During the Indo-Libyan Joint Commission meeting held in New Delhi the difficulties faced by the Indian companies, including delays in payment etc. were discussed. The Libyan side assured that they would take up the matter with the competent authoriies to resolve the problems. The Indian side welcomed the assurances given by the Libyan side.

Constitution of Board of Directors of Public Sector Banks

1930. SHRI THANGABAALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the dates on which the tenures of the Boards of different public sector banks expired or are due to expire;

(b) what action Government have taken or propose to take to appoint new nominees for Directors in the nationalised banks; and

(c) whether Government will indicate a firm date by which such vacancies on the Boards of nationalised banks will be filled up particularly where tenures of such Boards have expired over six months ago?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Boards of all public sector banks are functioning and are transacting their business with

the necessary quorum as prescribed by the relevant statutes by which they have been set up. However, vacancies of non-official directors exist in all the nationalised banks. The process of identifying suitable persons for these vacancies is under way. As the process requires completion of various formalities it is not possible to indicate any firm date by which these vacancies will be filled up.

Amount towards Income Tax and Wealth Tax outstanding against Film Artistes

1931. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the film artistes against whom income-tax and wealth-tax dues amounting to Rs. 1 lakh or more are outstanding at present; and

(b) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to recover the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Exports to Saudi Arabia and Gulf countries

1932. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that country's exports to Saudi Arabia and some other Gulf countries have been adversely affected becaus of arbitrary rules and procedure adopted by them for imports and that the Indian exporters have been complaining to Governmnt about it: and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Saudi Arabia had imposed restrictions on import of bovine meat and marine products on the alleged ground of occurrence of certain diseases in India. Kuwait has also imposed restrictions on import of bovine meat from India on the same grounds. They have been apprised of the correct facts and strict quality control and quarantine measures being taken by us and requested to remove these restrictions.

Amount due from 20 top Industrial Houses

1933. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total accumulated dues towards the public financial institutions from each of the 20 top industrial houses as on March 31, 1986: and

(b) what are the comparative figures as on March, 1984 and March, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and to the extent available and permissible under the rules will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amount spent on Renovation and Modernisation of Textile Mills

1934. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the details of the amount spent by the National Textile Corporaion on Mills, mill-wise for their renovation and modernisation during the last three years?